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Draft Regulation for Virus-Free Citrus Propagative Material (PROY-NOM-079-FITO-2000) 2001

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Report Highlights:

The objective of this draft regulation is to establish the phytosanitary requirements to produce and transport virus free citrus propagative material

Introduction: This report summarizes a draft of a phytosanitary regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 12, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The objective of this draft regulation is to establish the phytosanitary requirements and specifications to produce and transport virus-free citrus propagative material and other viruses associated with citrus. These regulations apply to propagative material, production areas, transportation, and commercial growers. Imported propagative material must originate from certified institutions and comply with SAGARPA's requirements. According to citrus growers, most of the propagative material that is imported into Mexico is already being monitored by SAGARPA authorities. Comments should be submitted in Spanish, within 60 calendar days following the publication at:

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Title: Draft Regulation for Virus Free Citrus Propagative material (PROY-NOM-079-FITO-2000)

Type of Regulation: Draft

Important Dates

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3. Start of Public Comment Period: July 13, 2001 **4. End of Public Comment Period:** September 10, 2001

Products Affected: Citrus propagative material

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food

Background: This announcement cites NOM-011-FITO-1995 and NOM-007-FITO-1995 as references for implementing these measures. (See FAS/Mexico reports MX6133 and MX9007)

Additional Information: Any person or institution interested in producing and selling citrus propagative material free of virus should present to SAGARPA's Plant Health Office a form (SV-01) indicating they are initiating/registering business and complying with the requirements. Requirements differ if the business is a germplasm bank, a tree lot, an orchard producing

certified seed free of virus, or a green house producing certified plants free of virus. SAGARPA or the verification units will verify in not more than 60 days that the unit complies with the requirements. Any shipment of propagative material that is transported within the different states in Mexico should have a phytosanitary certificate issued by the verification units.

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